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- ~~double-sided adhesive tape (DO) which has, on one side, a cleavable system (P2) coated on both sides with self-adhesive composition (N2, N3), wherein~~
- c) ~~the double-sided adhesive tape (DO) is arranged at a distance (V) of 0-15 mm, from one long edge (LK) of the adhesive tape.~~

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Claim 2 (amended). ~~The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 13, wherein the distance (V) is 0-7 mm.~~

Claim 3 (amended). The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 2, wherein the distance (V) is 1.5 to 3.5 mm.

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Claim 9 (amended). ~~The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the double-sided adhesive tape (DO) is 3 to 35 mm side.~~

Claim 10 (amended). The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cleavage strength of the cleavable system (P2) is 20 to 70 cN/cm.

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Claim 11 (amended). A splicing method, in which an adhesive tape as claimed in Claim 1 is partly stuck behind the top paper or film web of a reel, while the double-sided adhesive tape on the rear side of the adhesive tape is stuck to the web beneath it and therefore secures the top web, firstly only part of the release material optionally located on the self-adhesive composition being pulled off, so that that part of the self-adhesive composition needed for the splicing method is still masked with release material and, in this state, the reel has no free adhesive area, after which, in order to prepare for the splicing method finally, any remaining release material still present is removed, whereupon the new reel equipped in this way is placed beside an old reel which has been almost completely unwound and is to be

replaced, and is accelerated to the same rotary speed as said old reel and is then pressed against the old paper or film web, the exposed self-adhesive composition of the adhesive tape sticking to the old paper or film web at essentially equal speeds of the paper or film webs, while at the same time the cleavable system cleaves and, with its remains, nonadhesively masks both self-adhesive compositions which were coated on said system.

Claim 12 (amended). The splicing method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the adhesive tape is bonded to the running web at right angles or at an acute angle of up to 45°.

Please add the following:

-- 13. The adhesive tape of Claim 1, wherein said distance (V) is 0.5-15 mm.

14. The adhesive tape of Claim 9, wherein said double-sided adhesive tape is 6 to 12 mm wide.

15. The adhesive tape of Claim 10, wherein said cleavage strength is 22-60 cN/cm.

16. The adhesive tape of Claim 15, wherein said cleavage strength is 25-50 cN/cm.

17. The splicing method of Claim 12, wherein said adhesive tape is bonded to said running web at an acute angle of up to 15°.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to conform the claims to conventional format and to eliminate multiple dependency.